

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of providing underwriting and/or servicing of an financial account, comprising the steps of:
 - receiving over a data network account application information including a bank account information;
 - transferring over the data network ~~depositing~~ at least one randomly generated deposit amount to the bank account corresponding to the received bank account information;
 - receiving over the data network a deposit verification amount;
 - comparing using a controller the received deposit verification amount with the deposited at least one deposit amount; and
 - generating using the controller a financial account corresponding to the received account application information, where the financial account is electronically linked to the bank account;
 - wherein a balance amount of the bank account is periodically verified to confirm that the balance amount is equal to or greater than an outstanding balance amount of the financial account.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further including the step of receiving over the data network a periodic debit transaction amount.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the periodic debit transaction amount is configured to be periodically debited from the bank account electronically to the financial account.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the periodic debit transaction is performed at 30 day interval.
5. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the periodic debit transaction amount includes one of a full balance of the financial account, a minimum payment amount of the financial account, and a minimum payment amount of the financial account plus a predetermined payment amount.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further including the step of performing using the controller credit verification based on the received account application information.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6 wherein the step of performing using the controller credit verification includes the steps of:
transmitting over the data network the account application information to a credit bureau; and
receiving over the data network a credit history information corresponding to said transmitted account application information.
8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the credit history information includes a numeric representation of the account application information.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the financial account is a credit card account.
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further including the step of generating using the controller a financial account default notification when the balance amount of the linked bank account falls below a predetermined minimum level.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 further including the step of transmitting over the data network said financial account default notification.

12. (Currently Amended) A system for providing underwriting and/or servicing of an financial account, comprising:

- a data network;

- a user terminal operatively coupled to said data network configured to transmit and receive data therefrom;

- a server terminal operatively coupled to said data network, said server terminal further configured to:

- receive account application information including a bank account information from said user terminal;

- deposit at least one deposit amount to the bank account corresponding to the received bank account information;

- receive a deposit verification amount from said user terminal;

- compare the received deposit verification amount with the deposited at least one deposit amount; and

- generate a financial account corresponding to the received account application information only when the compared deposit verification amount matches the at least one deposit amount, where the financial account is electronically linked to the bank account;

- wherein a balance amount of the bank account is periodically verified to confirm that the balance amount is equal to or greater than an outstanding balance amount of the financial account.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the server terminal is further configured to receive a periodic debit transaction amount from the user terminal.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13 wherein the server terminal is configured to periodically debit said periodic debit transaction amount from the linked bank account electronically to the financial account.

15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14 wherein the periodic debit transaction is performed at 30 day interval.

16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13 wherein the periodic debit transaction amount includes one of a full balance of the financial account, a minimum payment amount of the financial account, or a minimum payment amount of the financial account plus a predetermined payment amount.

17. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the server terminal is further configured to:

transmit the account application information to a credit bureau; and
receive a credit history information corresponding to said transmitted account application information.

18. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the financial account is a credit card account.

19. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the server terminal is configured to:
generate a financial account default notification when the balance amount of the linked bank account falls below a predetermined minimum level; and
transmit said account default notification to the user terminal.

20. (Currently Amended) A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method of providing underwriting and/or servicing of a financial account, comprising the steps of:

- receiving account application information including a bank account information;
- depositing at least one randomly generated deposit amount to the bank account corresponding to the received bank account information;
- receiving a deposit verification amount;
- comparing the received deposit verification amount with the deposited at least one deposit amount; and
- generating a financial account corresponding to the received account application information only when the compared deposit verification amount matches the at least one deposit amount, where the financial account is electronically linked to the bank account;

wherein a balance amount of the bank account is periodically verified to confirm that the balance amount is equal to or greater than an outstanding balance amount of the financial account.